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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
PHILIPPE COMBETTE, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION :
(BASED ON PCT/FR03/50117)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: MICROBEAD-FILLED :
MICROSYSTEM AND :
PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

A clean copy of the **Replacement Abstract** is attached at the end of this paper.